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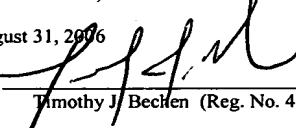
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In response to the Final Office Action mailed June 1, 2006, transmitted herewith is an Amendment.

The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

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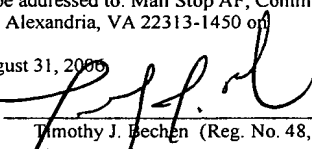
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Response After Final

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed June 1, 2006. This response is being concurrently submitted with a Notice of Appeal.

For the following reasons, Applicants submit the presently pending claims are allowable in view of the prior art of record. Applicants respectfully request passage of these pending claims to issuance.

Rejection of claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1-23 are Finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,141,653 issued to Conklin et al. (hereinafter referred to as "Conklin"). This rejection is improper because Conklin fails to identically disclose each and every claimed limitation of claims 1-23.

To anticipate a claim under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), a single prior art reference must identically disclose each and every claim feature. See Lindeman Machinenfabrik v. American Hoist and Derrick, 730 F.2d 1452, 1458 (Fed. Cir. 1984). If any claim feature is